

## HB 1064-S.E - DIGEST

### (DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Finds that: (1) Citizens demand and deserve accountability of public programs. Public programs must continuously improve in quality, efficiency, and effectiveness in order to increase public trust;

(2) Washington state government and other entities that receive tax dollars must continuously improve the way they operate and deliver services so citizens receive maximum value for their tax dollars;

(3) An independent citizen oversight board is necessary to establish an annual assessment and performance grading program to ensure that government services, customer satisfaction, program efficiency, and management systems are world class in performance;

(4) Fair, independent, professional performance audits of state agencies by the state auditor are essential to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government; and

(5) The performance audit activities of the joint legislative audit and review committee should be supplemented by making fuller use of the state auditor's resources and capabilities.

Creates the citizen oversight board to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in state government.

Requires the board to establish an annual assessment and performance grading program.

Requires the board to submit the results of the assessment and grading program to the governor, the office of financial management, appropriate legislative committees, and the public by December 15th of each year. The results of the annual assessments and performance grading shall be posted on the internet.

Provides that, by June 30, 2007, and each four years thereafter, the joint legislative audit and review committee shall contract with a private entity for a performance audit of the performance audit program established in this act and the board's responsibilities under the performance audit program.

Encourages the office of the administrator for the courts to conduct performance audits of courts under the authority of the supreme court, in conformity with criteria and methods developed by the board for judicial administration that have been approved by the supreme court.

Provides that each biennium the legislature shall appropriate such sums as may be necessary, not to exceed an amount equal to two one-hundredths of one percent of the total general fund state appropriation in that biennium's omnibus operating appropriations act for purposes of the performance review, performance audits, and activities of the board authorized by this act.